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1. USUALLY KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCE ASSERTS ITALCONSULT HAS WON GENERAL CONSULTANCY. HOWEVER, ON DEC. 12 NRC GENERAL MANAGER NZEGWU TOLD VISITOR ITALCONSULT HAS JOB BUT TRANSPORT MINISTRY PERMANENT SECRETARY GOBIR TOLD SAME VISITOR ITALCONSULT DOES NOT RPT NOT YET HAVE JOB. GOBIR SAID CONSULTANT'S TERMS OF REFERENCE INCOMPLETE.

2. EPISODE REFLECTS RIVALRY BETWEEN NRC AND MINISTRY OVER FINAL AUTHORITY RAILWAY MATTERS. DOUBTFUL MINISTRY WOULD IMPOSE GENERAL CONSULTANT FOR THIS LARGE PROJECT ON NRC OVER NZEGWU'S OPPOSITION BUT WE HEAR RUMORS THAT NZEGWU'S PERFORMANCE BEING REVIEWED. UNABLE ASSESS IMPLICATIONS IF ANY FOR AMERICAN INTERESTS BUT TAMS AND OTHER ASPIRING CONSULTANTS FAMILIAR WITH LOCAL SCENE SHOULD BE INFORMED ON FOBIR REMARK FOR THEIR READING ITS SIGNIFICANCE.

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